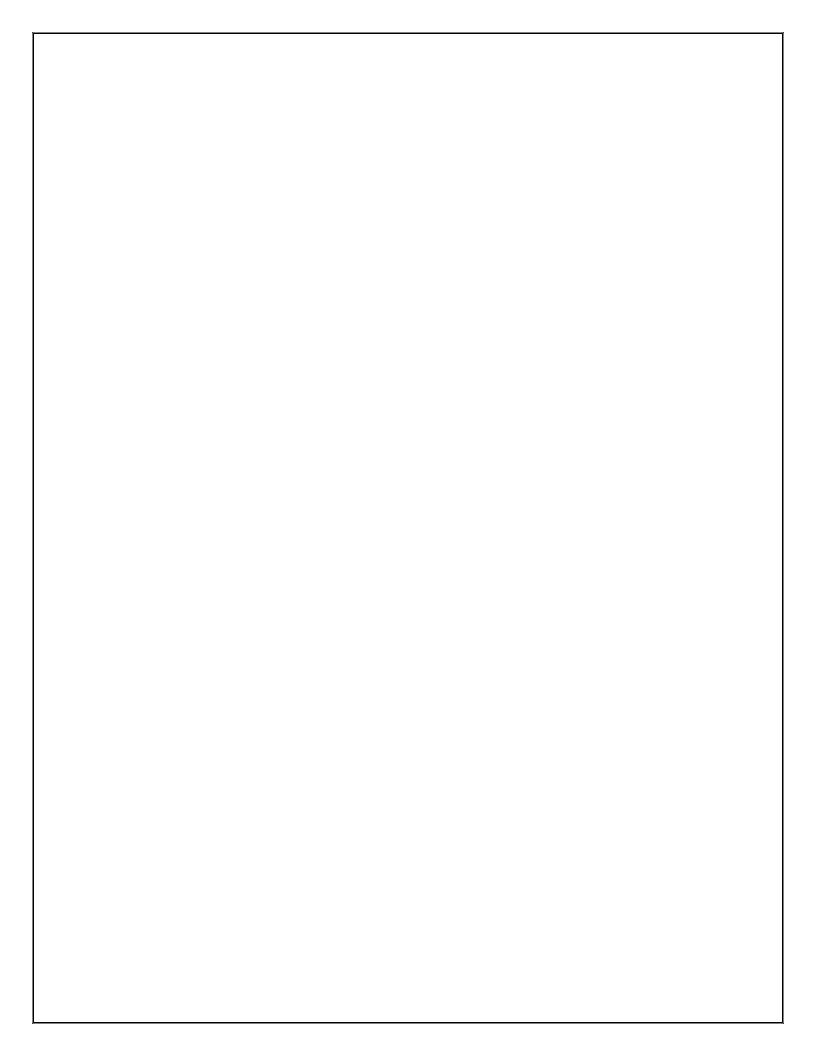


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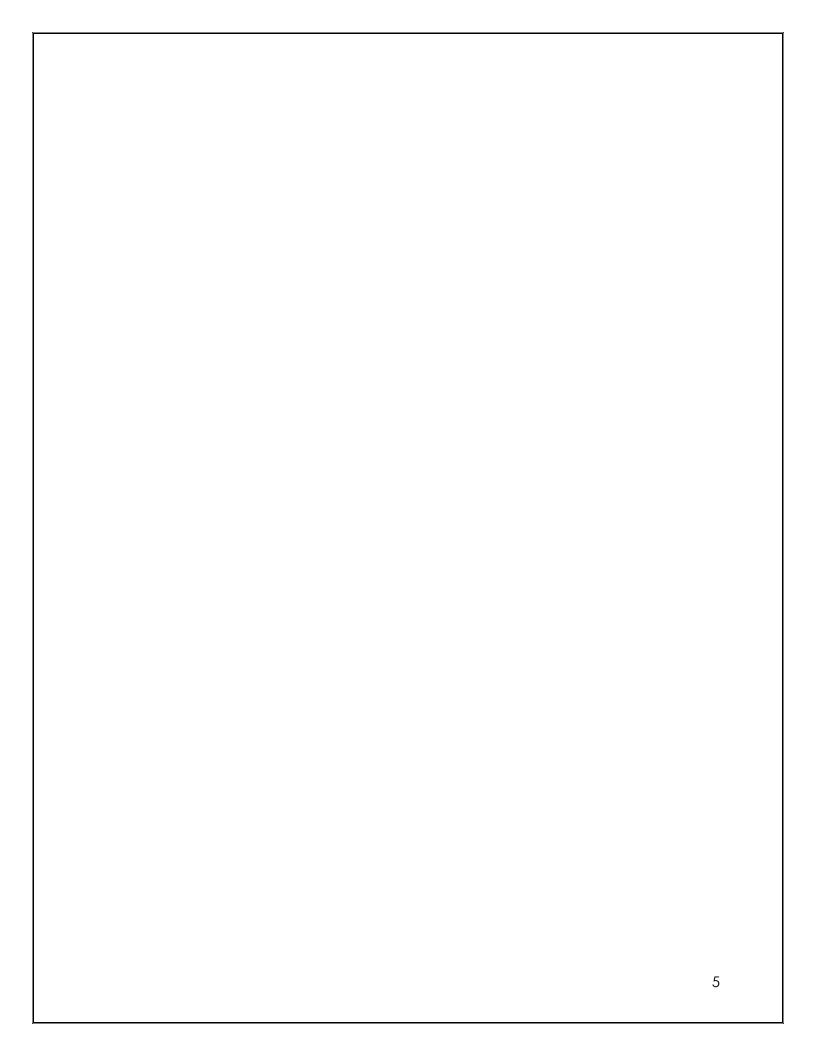
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# California Natural Resources Agency

Tribal Affairs Overview

# **Summary of Organization**

The California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA or Agency) oversees and supports more than 26 distinct departments, conservancies, boards and commissions. Our Agency and over 19,000 staff work to advance our mission "to restore, protect and manage the state's natural, historical and cultural resources for current and future generations using creative approaches and solutions based on science, collaboration, and respect for all the communities and interests involved."

More information on Agency partners can be found here on CNRA's website at <a href="https://resources.ca.gov/Our-Agencies">https://resources.ca.gov/Our-Agencies</a>.

### **Tribal Affairs**

CNRA's tribal affairs is directed by the Assistant Secretary for Tribal Affairs, a newly created position at the Agency, working in partnership with the Governor's Secretary for Tribal Affairs. The Assistant Secretary for Tribal Affairs helps cultivate and ensure the meaningful participation and inclusion of tribal governments and communities within the work of the Agency, supporting the effective integration of these governments' and communities' interests in environmental policymaking. CNRA's tribal affairs program works to advance programs, policies, regulations, and new laws to strengthen these working relationships, and coordinates tribal affairs across the Agency and with external governments and organizations. The Assistant Secretary for Tribal Affairs supports and expands the Agency's effort to institutionalize tribal consultation practices into its program planning, development, and implementation decisions.

CNRA's tribal affairs initiative, this informational packet, and tribal consultation policy can be found on our website at www.resources.ca.gov/initiatives/tribalaffairs/.

### **CNRA** Initiatives:

CNRA executive leaderships' top priorities for the Agency are provided below. CNRA is committed to consulting and partnering with California Native American tribes on each of these initiatives. More information can be found on CNRA's website at <a href="https://www.resources.ca.gov/Initiatives">www.resources.ca.gov/Initiatives</a>.

- Salton Sea Management Program
- Building Climate Resilience
- Protecting Biodiversity

- Access for All
- Expanding Nature-Based Solutions (30x30)
- Building Water Resilience
- Cutting Green Tape
- Restoring Forest Health for Wildfire and Climate Resilience
- Measuring Progress: Monitoring and Stewardship Unit
- Transitioning to Clean Energy
- Strngthening Tribal Partnerships
- Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

### **CNRA Executive Leadership:**

CNRA executive leadership includes the following people. More information on CNRA's executive leadership can be found on CNRA's website at <a href="https://www.resources.ca.gov/About-Us/Who-We-Are.">www.resources.ca.gov/About-Us/Who-We-Are.</a>

- Wade Crowfoot Secretary for Natural Resources
- Saúl Acosta Gómez– Undersecretary for Natural Resources
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- Le-Quyen Nguyen Deputy Secretary for Energy
- Christopher Calfee Special Counsel to the Secretary
- Bryan Cash Assistant Secretary for Administration and Finance
- Miranda Flores Deputy Secretary For Legislation
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- Amanda Hansen Deputy Secretary for Climate Change
- Lisa Lien-Mager Senior Advisor for Strategic Communications
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- Jessica Morse Deputy Secretary for Forest and Wildland Resilience
- Jennifer Norris, PhD Deputy Secretary for Biodiversity and Habitat
- Geneva E. B. Thompson Assistant Secretary for Tribal Affairs
- Katherine Toy Deputy Secretary for Access
- Nancy Vogel Deputy Secretary for Water
- Stephanie Shimazu General Counsel

### **Grant Programs**

The CNRA Bonds and Grants unit administers various programs from grant guideline development through grant award, completion, and post-monitoring. CNRA reoccurring programs include:

- Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation -<a href="https://resources.ca.gov/grants/environmental-enhancement-and-mitigation-eem">https://resources.ca.gov/grants/environmental-enhancement-and-mitigation-eem</a> (Federally recognized tribes and tribes organized as 501(c)(3) entities are eligible to apply)
- 2. Museum Grant Program <a href="https://resources.ca.gov/grants/california-museum">https://resources.ca.gov/grants/california-museum</a> (California Native American tribes are eligible to apply)
- 3. Youth Community Access Program <a href="https://resources.ca.gov/grants/urban-greening">https://resources.ca.gov/grants/urban-greening</a> (California Native American tribes are eligible to apply)

A compilation of other CNRA grant opportunities can be found here: <a href="https://resources.ca.gov/-/media/CNRA-">https://resources.ca.gov/-/media/CNRA-</a>
Website/Files/grants/CNRA\_CurrentFundingOpportunities.pdf

Other grants not administered by CNRA can be found on the California Grants Portal, found here: https://www.grants.ca.gov/

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- Agency-wide Updates: https://listservice.cnra.ca.gov/scripts/wa.exe?SUBED1=CNRA\_OUTREACH&A=1
- Press Releases:
   https://listservice.cnra.ca.gov/scripts/wa.exe?SUBED1=CNRA\_NEWS&A=1
- Nature-Based Solutions (including current 30x30 and climate resilience efforts): https://www.californianature.ca.gov/pages/contact-us

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# **Baldwin Hills Conservancy**

Tribal Affairs Overview

# **Summary of Organization**

The Baldwin Hills Conservancy's mission is to acquire open space and manage public lands within the Baldwin Hills area and to provide recreation, restoration and protection of wildlife habitat within the territory for the public's enjoyment and educational experience.

More information on the Baldwin Hills Conservancy can be found at the Conservancy's website at <a href="https://www.bhc.ca.gov/">www.bhc.ca.gov/</a>.

### **Grant Programs**

The BHC provides funding and support for projects within the Baldwin Hills Parklands through three bond funded grant programs. To learn about current and completed projects, as well as for application information, please visit our website at <a href="https://www.bhc.ca.gov/grants/">www.bhc.ca.gov/grants/</a>.

### **Communications**

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# California African American Museum

Tribal Affairs Overview

# **Summary of Organization**

Founded in 1977, the California African American Museum (CAAM) has a long and rich history. CAAM's mission is to research, collect, preserve, and interpret for public enrichment the history, art, and culture of African Americans with an emphasis on California and the western United States. The first African American museum of art, history, and culture fully supported by a state, CAAM was the direct result of a sustained, multiyear campaign of activism undertaken by visionary founders and community members. More than forty years after its founding, the originating principle for CAAM remains vital to a healthy and just America—to create and support an inclusive, accessible, and dynamic space where all people can see Black lives, culture, and experiences valued and reflected.

More information on CAAM can be found on CAAM's website at www.caamuseum.org

### **Communications**

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- Facebook: California African American Museum
  - https://www.facebook.com/CAAMinLA/
- YouTube: California African American Museum
  - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxbgXMDaQPRWeBxTd85HtFg

### Newsletter:

Newsletter can be joined on our website.



### California Coastal Commission

Tribal Affairs Overview

# **Summary of Organization**

The California Coastal Commission is committed to protecting and enhancing California's coast and ocean for present and future generations. It does so through careful planning and regulation of environmentally-sustainable development, rigorous use of science, strong public participation, education, and effective intergovernmental coordination. Consistent with this mission, the Commission values and encourages expressions of traditional ecological knowledge.

In partnership with coastal cities and counties, the Commission plans and regulates the use of land and water in the coastal zone, in order to protect public access and recreation, lower cost visitor accommodations, archaeological and paleontological resources, terrestrial and marine habitat protection, visual resources, landform alteration, agricultural lands, commercial fisheries, and coastal water quality.

More information about the California Coastal Commission can be found on the Commission's website at https://www.coastal.ca.gov/.

### **Tribal Affairs**

Central to the Commission's mission is the goal of maximizing public participation in the Commission's decision-making processes. To further this mission, the Commission adopted a Tribal Consultation Policy to improve government-to-government dialogue with the Tribes, improve public participation, and provide a more specific process for the Commission to work cooperatively, communicate effectively, and consult with Tribes for the mutual benefit of protecting coastal resources. You can find the Commission's adopted Tribal Consultation Policy at the link below.

### **Grant Programs**

WHALE TAIL® grants support experiential education and stewardship of the California coast and its watersheds. Education and stewardship projects relating to climate change as it impacts the coast and ocean are eligible and encouraged. Shoreline cleanup and coastal habitat restoration projects that have an educational component are also eligible for these grants. WHALE TAIL® grants focus on reaching communities that have historically received fewer marine education and stewardship opportunities. Eligible applicants are non-profit 501 (c) (3) organizations, projects of a non-profit fiscal sponsor, schools or districts, government entities, Federally Recognized Tribes and other California Native American Tribes as defined by Governor's Executive Order B-10-11.

Projects funded by WHALE TAIL® grants must serve audiences in California and can take place anywhere in California. More information here: https://www.coastal.ca.gov/whaletailgrant/.

### **Additional Resources**

Tribal Consultation Policy: <a href="https://documents.coastal.ca.gov/assets/env-justice/tribal-consultation/Adopted-Tribal-Consultation-Policy.pdf">https://documents.coastal.ca.gov/assets/env-justice/tribal-consultation/Adopted-Tribal-Consultation-Policy.pdf</a>

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# **State Coastal Conservancy**

Tribal Affairs Overview

# **Summary of Organization**

The Coastal Conservancy provides grant funding and technical assistance for projects that protect coastal resources and increase opportunities for the public to enjoy the coast. The Conservancy supports local communities, nonprofit organizations, California Native American tribes, and other government agencies to implement multi-benefit projects that:

- protect the natural and scenic beauty of the coast
- enhance wildlife habitat
- help the public to get to and enjoy beaches and parklands
- keep farmland and timberlands in production
- improve water quality
- revitalize working waterfronts
- prepare communities for the impacts of climate change
- prepare coastal lands for the impacts of wildfire

The Conservancy works along the entire length of California's coast and coastal watersheds, the San Francisco Bay Area and the entire Santa Ana River watershed.

More information about the Coastal Conservancy can be found on the Conservancy's website at <a href="http://www.scc.ca.gov/">http://www.scc.ca.gov/</a>.

### **Tribal Affairs**

The Coastal Conservancy engages with California Native American tribes through tribal consultation for projects funded by the Conservancy and through direct grant funding or technical assistance.

The Conservancy has adopted Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Guidelines which include the following policies regarding Working with California's Tribes:

- Ensure consultation with tribes occurs early in project development and throughout project implementation.
- Ensure tribal concerns are respected and archaeological and cultural resources are protected.
- Seek solutions to state contracting issues that affect the sovereignty of tribes.
- Assist tribes to regain access to their ancestral lands on the coast through the Conservancy's land conservation or access programs.
- Work with tribes to enable traditional stewardship and cultural practices on ancestral land and co-management of their ancestral lands and natural resources.

 Ensure programs include indigenous voices, leadership, and perspectives, including traditional ecological knowledge, indigenous stewardship, and educational programs.

### **Grant Programs**

For current grant opportunities, please visit: https://scc.ca.gov/grants/.

The Conservancy holds periodic grant rounds related to specific programs or fund sources. Examples of grant rounds include Climate Ready, Explore the Coast, Explore the Coast Overnight, Wildfire Resilience, Coastal Wetlands, Water Quality, and Sea Otter Recovery.

If interested in funding, contact the Conservancy and a staff member will help determine if a project is eligible for Conservancy funding and which grant programs would work best for any given project.

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- Twitter: <a href="https://twitter.com/ca coastal">https://twitter.com/ca coastal</a>
- Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/CoastalConservancy">https://www.facebook.com/CoastalConservancy</a>



# California Conservation Corps

Tribal Affairs Overview

# **Summary of Organization**

The California Conservation Corps (CCC) mission is to protect and enhance California's natural resources and communities while empowering and developing young adults through hard work and education. The CCC accomplishes this by providing young adults (ages 18 to 25, and military veterans through age 29), a year of paid service during which they learn meaningful skills, gain hands-on experience, and receive training, counseling, and support to transition from the CCC into successful career and educational settings.

The CCC operates 25 residential and non-residential centers across California and partners with public and private entities that share its commitment to youth development and natural resource conservation and preservation. These partners include charter high schools that allow CCC participants to complete their high school diploma.

Access additional information about the California Conservation Corps at ccc.ca.gov.

### **Tribal Affairs**

The CCC's Tribal Affairs Program operates from the CCC's Sacramento Headquarters. All field locations have been directed to look for opportunities to partner with local tribal entities and to coordinate their natural resource projects with CCC Headquarters personnel. In the past, this has allowed the CCC to work with tribes on, among other things, wildland fuel reduction efforts, reforestation initiatives, and fish habitat restoration and protection projects.

Field locations can be found here: https://ccc.ca.gov/locations/

### **Grant Programs**

The CCC's grant programs are limited to community conservation corps certified pursuant to Public Resources Code, § 145075. At the time of publication, the CCC does not have any grant programs for tribal entities.

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# **California Energy Commission**

Tribal Program Overview

# **Summary of Organization**

The California Energy Commission is leading the state to a 100 percent clean energy future for all. As the state's primary energy policy and planning agency, the Energy Commission is committed to reducing energy costs and environmental impacts of energy use while ensuring a safe, resilient, and reliable supply of energy. The Energy Commission achieves its mission by advancing state energy policy, achieving energy efficiency, investing in energy innovation, facilitating renewable energy deployment, transforming transportation, overseeing energy infrastructure, and preparing for energy emergencies.

More information on the California Energy Commission can be found on the Commission's website at <a href="https://www.energy.ca.gov/">https://www.energy.ca.gov/</a>.

### **Tribal Affairs Program**

The Energy Commission's Tribal Program helps the organization conduct effective government-to-government cooperation, collaboration, communication, and other activities with California Native American tribes. The program is led by a tribal liaison that works closely with each of the Energy Commission Division's assistant tribal liaisons. The Tribal Program is housed in the Energy Commission's Office of the Public Advisor, Energy Equity, and Tribal Affairs and is guided by a tribal lead commissioner. The Tribal Liaison implements the Energy Commission Tribal Consultation Policy. https://www.energy.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2022-02/CEC-700-2022-001.pdf

### **Funding & Other Opportunities**

The Tribal Program assists tribes in learning about and participating in CEC funding opportunities and grant programs including:

- Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) Ongoing
- Clean Transportation Program Ongoing
- Renewable Energy Build Initiative for Low-Emissions Development (BUILD) Ongoing
- Energy Conservation Assistant Act (ECAA) Loan Program Under development
- Fifth California Climate Change Assessment Tribal Research Grant Program Under development

Energy Commission funding and other opportunities can be accessed via:

- https://www.energy.ca.gov/funding-opportunities
- https://www.empowerinnovation.net/

### **Additional Resources**

The Energy Commission Tribal Program hosts tribal energy conferences on average every other year. Events are documented with reports that are posted at the tribal program webpage provided below under Social Media. Many of the Energy Commission programs, projects, activities, and proceedings are best tracked through the Energy Commission's electronic list serve and docketing systems. Visit this page to sign up and learn more about the various list serves: <a href="https://ww2.energy.ca.gov/listservers/index\_cms.html">https://ww2.energy.ca.gov/listservers/index\_cms.html</a>.

Signing up for any list serve will automatically provide the recipient with ongoing information that the Energy Commission publicly posts for that project, activity or proceeding. For assistance navigating the list serves or additional help participating in any Energy Commission proceeding, please contact the Public Advisor's Office.

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### Social Media

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- Twitter: https://twitter.com/CalEnergy

### Additional Communication Platforms

 The Tribal Program is working in partnership with the Strategic Growth Council on a Tribal Energy and Climate Change Gap Analysis – For more information: https://caltribalgapanalysis.org/



# Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety

Tribal Program Overview

# **Summary of Organization**

The Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety (Energy Safety) was established on July 1, 2021 as a new department under the Natural Resources Agency to drive California's investor-owned electrical utilities to understand, prioritize, and reduce their wildfire risk. With the transition of the Underground Safety Board into Energy Safety on January 1, 2022, Energy's Safety's mission expanded to regulate, both above and below ground, energy infrastructure safety and assess development of sustainable, utility safety cultures.

More information on the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety can be found on the Office's website at <a href="https://www.energysafety.ca.gov">www.energysafety.ca.gov</a>.

### **Tribal Affairs**

Currently, Energy Safety's Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) Guidelines require that electrical corporations provide information on their consultations with California's Native American tribes. Each of the eight electrical corporations have a designated tribal representative(s) and are meaningfully engaged, to varying degrees, with tribal governments and members.

Energy Safety's 2023 WMP Guidelines will require electrical corporations to describe in more detail their emergency preparedness efforts and community engagement activity with tribal governments. Further, electrical corporations will be required to consider social vulnerability in their wildfire consequence risk modeling, which will include some tribal areas.

### **Additional Resources**

Signing up for Energy Safety's list serve will automatically provide the recipient with ongoing information that Energy Safety publicly posts for that project, activity or proceeding. <a href="www.energysafety.ca.gov/events-and-meetings/how-to-participate-in-public-events/">www.energysafety.ca.gov/events-and-meetings/how-to-participate-in-public-events/</a>

Energy Safety also has an e-filing system that provides a case docket for public review. <a href="https://efiling.energysafety.ca.gov/">https://efiling.energysafety.ca.gov/</a>

For assistance navigating the list serves or additional help participating in any Energy Safety proceeding, please contact Sandy Cooney at <a href="mailto:sandy.cooney@energysafety.ca.gov">sandy.cooney@energysafety.ca.gov</a>

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# California Fish and Game Commission Tribal Affairs Overview

# **Summary of Organization**

The mission of the California Fish and Game Commission (FGC), in partnership with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, is to provide leadership for transparent and open dialogue where information, ideas and facts are easily available, understood and discussed to ensure that California will have abundant, healthy, and diverse fish and wildlife that thrive within dynamic ecosystems, managed with public confidence and participation, through actions that are thoughtful, bold, and visionary in an everchanging environment. We embrace our responsibility to hold California's fish and wildlife and their habitats in the public trust, as well as their cultural and intrinsic value, and therefore work collaboratively with other federal, tribal, state and local government agencies, non-governmental organizations and the people of California to establish scientifically-sound policies and regulations that protect, enhance and restore California's native fish and wildlife in their natural habitats, and to secure a rich and sustainable outdoor heritage for all generations to experience and enjoy through both consumptive and non-consumptive activities.

FGC was founded as the Board of Fish Commissioners in 1870, one of the first wildlife conservation agencies in the United States. FGC works closely with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) to create a healthy, biodiverse and natural California in which native fish and wildlife thrive within dynamic ecosystems and inspire human interaction and enjoyment.

More information can be found on the Commission's website <a href="https://fgc.ca.gov/">https://fgc.ca.gov/</a>.

### **Authorities and Role**

FGC is a constitutional body with a variety of powers delegated to it by the California State Legislature, some general in nature and some very specific, through the California Fish and Game Code, California Government Code, and California Public Resources Code, among others. With authority to promulgate regulations, FGC is able to interpret or make more specific the quasi-legislative authorities it has been granted, and does so through Title 14 (Natural Resources) of the California Code of Regulations. While FGC does not engage in direct grantmaking or management, it has a wide range of responsibilities, including:

- Formulating general policies for the conduct of the Commission and CDFW;
- Setting seasons, bag limits and methods of take for game animals, sport fishing and some commercial fishing;

- Controlling non-native species importation, possession, and sale;
- Establishing and identifying public uses of protected lands and waters (such as marine protected areas and wildlife areas);
- Listing and delisting threatened and endangered species under the California Endangered Species Act;
- Leasing state water-bottom for shellfish cultivation and leasing kelp beds for harvest
- Authorizing terms and conditions for the private lands management program;
- Prescribing terms and conditions for issuing, suspending, or revoking licenses and permits issued by CDFW; and
- Assuming a quasi-judicial role in considering appeal hearings for revoking or suspending licenses and permits.

### **Tribal Affairs**

California Native American tribes, whether federally recognized or not, have distinct cultural, spiritual, environmental, economic and public health interests and unique traditional knowledge about the natural resources of California. FGC recognizes that at times its rulemaking actions, or lack of action, may impact the interests of California tribes. State policy directs every state agency and department subject to executive control to implement effective government-to-government consultation with California Indian Tribes. FGC adopted its tribal consultation policy in 2015 to create a means by which tribes and FGC can effectively work together to realize sustainably-managed natural resources of mutual interest. FGC's tribal consultation policy can be found on our website at <a href="https://fgc.ca.gov/About/Policies/Miscellaneous#TribalConsultation">https://fgc.ca.gov/About/Policies/Miscellaneous#TribalConsultation</a>.

FGC's policy calls for convening an annual tribal planning meeting to afford tribes and commissioners an opportunity to discuss issues of concern to tribes, some of which can contribute to the work of the FGC Tribal Committee (TC). Operated as an ad hoc committee between 2014 and 2017, TC was established in state law in 2018 with up to two commissioners as members. The work of TC is supported by FGC's tribal advisor and liaison, hired in May 2021. TC reports on its activities at each FGC meeting and makes recommendations on tribal matters being considered by FGC. TC staff works closely with CDFW staff, including as observers on some tribal consultations, on significant tribal management documents, issues, and opportunities.

### **Communications**

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### California Office of Historic Preservation

Tribal Affairs Overview

# **Summary of Organization**

The California Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) administers federally and state mandated historic preservation programs to further the identification, evaluation, registration, and protection of California's irreplaceable resources. OHP's responsibilities include:

- Identifying, evaluating, and registering historic properties;
- Ensuring compliance with federal and state regulatory obligations;
- Encouraging the adoption of economic incentives programs designed to benefit property owners;
- Encouraging economic revitalization by promoting a historic preservation ethic through preservation education and public awareness and, most significantly, by demonstrating leadership and stewardship for historic preservation in California.

### **Tribal Affairs**

California has been home to a wide diversity of people for more than 14,000 years. The California Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) is pleased to partner with Native American tribal groups, organizations, and individuals in the identification, evaluation, protection, and preservation of our state's important cultural resources. In the interest of furthering such partnerships as well as providing resources for participants in regulatory processes, the OHP's Tribal Programs webpage offers links to various programs and guidance.

The primary role of the OHP Tribal Liaison is to focus on improving communication, raising awareness, and providing assistance to tribes in California. The OHP also actively engages with Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPOs), a function of the National Historic Preservation Act, which is administered by the National Park Service. The OHP's work with THPOs includes outreach and education as well as a biannual THPO/SHPO Summit, which gathers together tribal and public agency representatives to discuss preservation of tribal resources and meaningful consultation with tribes.

### **Grant Programs**

The OHP does not have any public or tribal grant programs currently. However, the National Park Service, who is the federal oversight agency for the OHP, does often offer competitive grants that tribes can apply for, including Tribal Heritage Grants. Information about National Park Service grants can be found at <a href="https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1623/index.htm">https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1623/index.htm</a> and <a href="https://www.nps.gov/subjects/maritimeheritage/maritime-heritage-grants.htm">https://www.nps.gov/subjects/maritimeheritage/maritime-heritage-grants.htm</a>.

### **Additional Resources**

For information about tribal access to the California Historical Resources Information System's inventory of cultural resources in California, see <a href="https://ohp.parks.ca.gov/?page\_id=28036">https://ohp.parks.ca.gov/?page\_id=28036</a>.

For information from the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation about tribal involvement in the federal Section 106 review process, see <a href="https://www.achp.gov/indian-tribes-and-native-hawaiians">https://www.achp.gov/indian-tribes-and-native-hawaiians</a>.

For information about the National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, see https://www.nathpo.org/.

### **Communications**

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### Social Media:

- YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/user/calshpo
- Twitter: https://twitter.com/calshpo
- Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/calshpo

Newsletter(s): The OHP maintains an email list for monthly Eposts and other notices. To be added to the list, send an email to info.calshpo@parks.ca.gov.



# **Summary of Organization**

The California Science Center aspires to stimulate curiosity and inspire science learning in everyone by creating fun, memorable experiences, because the Center values science as an indispensable tool for understanding our world, accessibility and inclusiveness, and enriching people's lives. Based in Los Angeles, the California Science Center engages visitors, students, and families in hands-on experiences and exhibits that cover a wide range of science and engineering content, including physical science, Earth & space science, life science, chemistry, and design and engineering. The California Science Center serves visitors onsite, but is also engaged with outreach programs to local school districts, with a focus on Title I and schools in low-income communities, and local community organizations that serve youth traditionally underrepresented in science and engineering.

More information on the California Science Center can be found on the Center's website at <a href="https://californiasciencecenter.org/">https://californiasciencecenter.org/</a>.

### **Tribal Affairs**

The California Science Center seeks to engage tribes and currently hosts a number of free programs for community-based organizations in the greater Los Angeles area. The Center is interested in opportunities for sharing free programming as part of a new Tribal Affairs Program, including online resources, targeted classes and camps, and Camp in a Backpack kits.

### **Additional Resources**

- Stuck at Home Science Program provides free online videos highlighting various science content. More information can be found at <a href="https://californiasciencecenter.org/funlab/stuck-home-science">https://californiasciencecenter.org/funlab/stuck-home-science</a>.
- <u>Virtual Field Trips</u> Program provides various experiences aligned with science standards, including free resources and a live facilitated program. More information can be found at https://californiasciencecenter.org/programs/virtual-field-trips.
- Camp in a Backpack available upon request to community organizations serving youth ages 1<sup>st</sup> grade through 5<sup>th</sup> grade that are from audiences traditionally underrepresented in science and engineering.

• Young Curators – a free program for middle school youth that includes 10 virtual programs each for a fall and spring session and two weeks of Hands-On Science Camp.

### **Communications**

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### California State Lands Commission

Tribal Affairs Overview

# **Summary of Organization**

History and jurisdiction: Established in 1938, the Commission manages 4 million acres of tide and submerged lands and the beds of natural navigable rivers, streams, lakes, bays, estuaries, inlets, and straits. These lands, referred to as "Public Trust" lands, stretch from the Klamath River and Goose Lake in the north to the Tijuana Estuary in the south, and to world-famous Lake Tahoe and the Colorado River in the east, to the Pacific Coast from the mean high tide line to 3 geographic miles offshore, and include California's two longest rivers, the Sacramento and San Joaquin. Through its actions, the Commission secures and safeguards the public's access rights to natural navigable waterways and the coastline and preserves irreplaceable natural habitats for wildlife, vegetation, and biological communities. The Commission also protects state waters from marine invasive species introductions and prevents oil spills by providing the best achievable protection of the marine environment at all marine oil terminals in California and offshore oil platforms and production facilities. The Commission is committed to sustainable public land management and balanced resource protection for the benefit of current and future generations.

Mission, vision, and inclusion: The California State Lands Commission provides the people of California with effective stewardship of the lands, waterways, and resources entrusted to its care based on the principles of equity, sustainability, and resiliency, through preservation, restoration, enhancement, responsible economic development, and the promotion of public access. We are a recognized leader that champions equitable and sustainable public land management and balanced resource protection for the benefit and enjoyment of all current and future generations of the people of California. We value diversity at all levels and are committed to fostering an inclusive environment where our employees from different backgrounds, cultures, and experiences are able to leverage their strengths and unique insights to further the Commission's mission and thrive.

### **Tribal Affairs**

The Commission recognizes that California's indigenous people have used the State's lands, waterways, and resources, which may be affected by actions taken by the Commission, to support their cultures and ways of life for millennia, and that they have unique and valuable knowledge and practices for conserving and using these

resources sustainably. The Commission's Tribal Affairs program is anchored by its Tribal Consultation Policy, adopted in 2016, and guided by the commitments in the Commission's Environmental Justice Policy and Strategic Plan.

The Commission's 2021-2025 Strategic Plan guides the Commission's tribal engagement practices, drawing on recent statewide initiatives to address and reverse the destructive impacts of California's colonial history. With a vast amount of land and resources under the Commission's charge, the Commission is uniquely situated to partner with tribal governments to learn from and collaborate with them through intentional and meaningful collaboration. Supporting tribal self-determination, among other things, means the Commission commits to a continuous relationship – incorporating a Native American perspective throughout its programs and activities that is both comprehensive enough to consider the concerns of Native communities in planning activities, and flexible enough to consider viewpoints that need to be incorporated into specific project decisions.

The Commission's Tribal Affairs program seeks to identify partnerships and actions that increase equity and result in enhanced stewardship of Commission-managed lands by improving tribal access to sacred sites and cultural resources; facilitating protected access for sustenance gathering, hunting, and fishing; providing increased opportunities for education, community and economic development, and investment in public health and infrastructure; and increasing the use of traditional ecological knowledges for effective land and resource management.

### **Additional Resources**

- Commission website: https://www.slc.ca.gov/
- Tribal Consultation Policy (2016): <a href="https://www.slc.ca.gov/tribal-consultation/">https://www.slc.ca.gov/tribal-consultation/</a>
- Environmental Justice Policy (2018): https://www.slc.ca.gov/envirojustice/
- 2021-2025 Strategic Plan: <a href="https://www.slc.ca.gov/strategic-plan/2021-2025/">https://www.slc.ca.gov/strategic-plan/2021-2025/</a>

### Communications

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Newsletter(s): See all our available E-lists at <a href="https://www.slc.ca.gov/e-lists/">https://www.slc.ca.gov/e-lists/</a>



# **California Tahoe Conservancy**

Tribal Affairs Overview

# **Summary of Organization**

The California Tahoe Conservancy (Conservancy) is a state agency, established in 1985, with a mission to lead California's efforts to restore and enhance the extraordinary natural and recreational resources of the Lake Tahoe Basin. The Conservancy's jurisdiction is the California side of the Lake Tahoe Basin.

The Conservancy acquires and manages land, provides grants for projects under the Lake Tahoe Environmental Improvement Program, and collaboratively leads community and climate resilience initiatives.

More information on the California Tahoe Conservancy can be found on the Conservancy's website at https://tahoe.ca.gov/.

### **Tribal Affairs**

The Conservancy seeks to align its projects, programs, and investments with the priorities of Native American Tribes, including the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California (Washoe Tribe). The Conservancy's jurisdiction is within the ancestral territory of the Washoe Tribe. The Conservancy and Washoe Tribe participate in a Memorandum of Understanding that supports their ongoing communication and coordination on projects and programs at Lake Tahoe. Current joint efforts include climate adaptation planning, cultural monitoring of projects, workforce development, and expanding cultural burning practices.

### **Grant Programs**

The Conservancy provides grants for a wide variety of projects throughout the Lake Tahoe Basin to achieve its Strategic Plan goals, including those identified in the Lake Tahoe Environmental Improvement Program. The Conservancy developed its Grant Guidelines to identify funding priorities and the considerations used to evaluate proposals, as well as basic information regarding all grants and submittals. The Guidelines apply generally to all Conservancy grants, including those funded with bonds and other funding sources. Proposals are accepted on an ongoing basis.

Read the full grant guidelines: <a href="https://tahoe.ca.gov/grant-guidelines">https://tahoe.ca.gov/grant-guidelines</a>

### **Additional Resources**

- Conservancy Website
  - o <a href="https://tahoe.ca.gov">https://tahoe.ca.gov</a>
- Conservancy Strategic Plan
  - o <a href="https://tahoe.ca.gov/about-us/strategic-plan">https://tahoe.ca.gov/about-us/strategic-plan</a>
- Overview of Conservancy Programs
  - o <a href="https://tahoe.ca.gov/programs">https://tahoe.ca.gov/programs</a>
- Lake Tahoe Environmental Improvement Program Project Tracker
  - o <a href="https://eip.laketahoeinfo.org">https://eip.laketahoeinfo.org</a>

### Communications

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- Facebook: @CaliforniaTahoeConservancy
  - o https://facebook.com/CaliforniaTahoeConservancy

### Newsletter(s):

https://tahoe.ca.gov/media-news



# **Central Valley Flood Protection Board**

Tribal Affairs Overview

# **Summary of Organization**

The Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB) was created by the Legislature in 1911 in order to reduce the risk of catastrophic flooding to people and property within the California Central Valley. The CVFPB is the State regulatory agency responsible for ensuring that appropriate standards are met for the construction, maintenance, and protection of the flood control system that reduces risk of life, property, and wildlife habitat from the devastating effects of flooding in California's vast and diverse Central Valley. The CVFPB issues encroachment permits and works with other agencies to improve the flood protection structures, enforces removal of problematic encroachments, and keeps watch over the Central Valley's continually improving flood management system. The CVFPB also owns and manages tens of thousands of acres throughout the Sacramento and San Joaquin River systems under the legal name, the Sacramento and San Joaquin Drainage District.

More information on the Central Valley Flood Protection Board can be found on CVFPB's website at http://cvfpb.ca.gov/.

### **Tribal Affairs**

In accordance with the California Governor's Executive Order B-10-11, the CVFPB has adopted the California Natural Resources Agency's Tribal Consultation Policy (Policy). The purpose of the Policy is to ensure effective, meaningful, and mutually beneficial government-to-government consultation, communication, and coordination between the CVFPB and tribal entities relative to activities under CVFPB's jurisdiction that may affect tribal communities. This Policy can be found on our website at <a href="http://cvfpb.ca.gov/tribal-consultation-policy/">http://cvfpb.ca.gov/tribal-consultation-policy/</a>.

### Communications

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Public Board Meetings are typically held on the fourth Friday of every month.

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# **Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy**

Tribal Affairs Overview

# **Summary of Organization**

The Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy's mission under state law is to protect lands with open-space, wildlife, scenic, environmental, anthropological, cultural, scientific, educational and recreational resources in the Valley and its surrounding mountains which include the San Jacinto and Santa Rosa Mountains National Monument and portions of Joshua Tree National Park, as well as natural community conservation lands as identified in the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan ("CVMSHCP").

More information can be found online at http://cvmc.ca.gov/.

### **Tribal Affairs**

The Conservancy, as an agency within the California Natural Resources Agency, follows the CNRA the Tribal Consultation Policy to ensure effective government-to-government consultation between the Conservancy and Indian tribes and tribal communities to provide meaningful input into the development of regulations, rules, policies, programs, projects, plans, property decisions and activities that may affect tribal communities.

### **Grant Programs**

Proposition 1, the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014, provides funding to implement the three objectives of the California Water Action Plan, namely, more reliable water supplies, the restoration of important species and habitat, and a more resilient and sustainably managed water infrastructure. The Conservancy received an allocation of \$10 million to fund multi-benefit water quality, water supply, and watershed protection and restoration projects that benefit the Coachella Valley.

Proposition 68, the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018, provides funding for public access to safe parks, wildlife preserves, trails and recreation areas, mitigate the effects of climate change and encourage water conservation and drought preparedness. To assist communities that have been historically underserved by outdoor recreational opportunities, Proposition 68 allocates a minimum of 20 percent of available funds to severely underrepresented communities, up to 10 percent for technical assistance to underrepresented communities and up to five percent for community access projects

(such as transportation, programming, interpretative facilities and public education). The Conservancy received \$7 million to fund projects fulfilling the objectives above or otherwise implementing the Conservancy's statutory mission.

The Conservancy also provides grants for the acquisition of land to protect habitat values. For further information see <a href="http://cvmc.ca.gov/grants/">http://cvmc.ca.gov/grants/</a>.

Examples of partnerships with our Conservancy and grant programs include the following:

- The Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians has been represented on the Conservancy board since its founding; the tribe also helps to address cultural resources identified in Conservancy restoration projects.
- The Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians has become a partner and grantee with its innovative Salton Sea wetlands projects. The Conservancy contributed Proposition 1 funds towards the tribe's phase 1 wetlands restoration project which was successfully completed in 2018. The tribe is now implementing the restoration work on phase 2 of their Salton Sea wetlands projects also with contributions from the Conservancy's Proposition 1 Grant Program.
- The Santa Rosa Band of Cahuilla Indians is the Conservancy's newest tribal partner and grantee with its Horse Creek Dam and Wetlands Restoration Project; the Conservancy is contributing Proposition 1 funds towards this project which is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

### **Communications:**

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# Colorado River Board of California

Tribal Affairs Overview

# **Summary of Organization**

The mission of the Colorado River Board of California is to represent California and its Colorado River water users in discussions and negotiations with the other six Colorado River Basin States, federal, state, tribal, local governmental agencies, and Republic of Mexico regarding the management and operations of the Colorado River and continue to protect California's basic mainstream annual entitlement of 4.4 million acre-feet of Colorado River water supplies.

More information about the Colorado River Board of California can be found on the Board's website at <a href="https://www.crb.ca.gov">www.crb.ca.gov</a>.

### **Tribal Affairs**

In coordination with the U.S. Department of the Interior, the Colorado River Board will continue to consult, coordinate, and collaborate with tribal governments with entitlements for the use of Colorado River water supplies across the Colorado River Basin. Furthermore, the Colorado River Board of California adheres to the Tribal Consultation Policy of the Natural Resources Agency, dated November 20, 2012.

### **Communications**

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## **Delta Protection Commission**

Tribal Affairs Overview

## **Summary of Organization**

The Delta Protection Commission is committed to the protection and health of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta in California. We protect, maintain, enhance and enrich the overall quality of the Delta environment and economy. We do this with a focus on agriculture, heritage, recreation, and natural resources while remaining mindful of the importance of the Delta to all Californians. Valuing the needs of the Delta as well as the needs of the State is fundamental to achieving the Commission's vision: an ideal synthesis of cultural, ecological, and agricultural values in a sustainable, healthy, and celebrated way of life.

More information about the Delta Protection Commission can be found on the Commission's website at <a href="http://delta.ca.gov/">http://delta.ca.gov/</a>.

#### **Tribal Affairs**

The Delta Protection Commission Tribal Consultation Policy and be found on our website at http://delta.ca.gov/tribal-policy/.

#### **Communications**

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https://delta.ca.gov/get-connected/



## Delta Stewardship Council

Tribal Affairs Overview

## **Summary of Organization**

The Council was created in 2009 to advance the state's coequal goals for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta - a more reliable statewide water supply and a healthy and protected ecosystem, both achieved in a manner that protects and enhances the unique characteristics of the Delta as an evolving place. To do this, the Delta Reform Act required that the Council develop an enforceable long-term sustainable management plan for the Delta, the Delta Plan (<a href="https://deltacouncil.ca.gov/delta-plan/">https://deltacouncil.ca.gov/delta-plan/</a>), to ensure coordinated action at the federal, state, and local levels to support the coequal goals. Certain projects that are funded, approved, or carried out by state or local public agencies are required to certify consistency with adopted Delta Plan regulations. A map of the geographic area covered by the Delta Plan can be found here: <a href="https://deltacouncil.ca.gov/pdf/delta-plan/figure-1-4-the-delta-plan.pdf">https://deltacouncil.ca.gov/pdf/delta-plan/figure-1-4-the-delta-plan.pdf</a>.

The Council is composed of seven members (four appointed by the Governor, one each by the State Senate and Assembly, and the seventh the Chair of the Delta Protection Commission) and usually meets on the fourth Thursday of each month. Council meeting information can be found here: <a href="https://deltacouncil.ca.gov/council-meetings">https://deltacouncil.ca.gov/council-meetings</a>.

Within the Council is its Delta Science Program, charged with providing the best possible unbiased scientific information to inform water and environmental management decisions for the Delta. The Council appoints a Lead Scientist to oversee the program, and also appoints the 10 members of the Delta Independent Science Board, which has broad authority to provide oversight of the scientific research, monitoring and assessment programs that support adaptive management of the Delta.

## **Tribal Affairs**

The Council's Tribal Affairs Program is guided by its Tribal Consultation Policy (2015) and Public Participation Plan (2020). The Council's policy aims to engage in a timely and active process of seeking, discussing, and incorporating the views of California Native American tribes and tribal communities into its decision-making (separate and in addition to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance per AB 52) to resolve the concerns of as many parties as possible.

Delta Stewardship Council Tribal Consultation Policy: <a href="https://deltacouncil.ca.gov/pdf/2015-05-15-tribal-consultation-policy.pdf">https://deltacouncil.ca.gov/pdf/2015-05-15-tribal-consultation-policy.pdf</a>

2020 Public Participation Plan:

https://deltacouncil.ca.gov/pdf/2020-06-25-public-participation-plan.pdf

## **Funding Opportunities**

As part of its mission, the Delta Science Program supports scientific research and fellowship opportunities. To date, the Delta Science Program has supported hundreds of research projects that address key knowledge gaps and fundamentally advance the understanding of the Bay-Delta's dynamic socio-ecological system. All projects are vetted through the Delta Science Program independent peer review processes, which safeguards decisions from potential bias or conflict-of-interest. Tribal scientists and science programs are highly encouraged to apply for these opportunities as they arise. More information about the Delta Science Program's funding opportunities can be found on the Council's website: <a href="https://deltacouncil.ca.gov/delta-science-program/research-funding-and-fellowships">https://deltacouncil.ca.gov/delta-science-program/research-funding-and-fellowships</a>

#### **Additional Resources**

## **Environmental Justice Issue Paper**

The Council's 2019 Five-Year Review Report identified environmental justice (EJ) as a priority issue and the Council intends to develop an EJ Issue Paper (https://deltacouncil.ca.gov/environmental-justice) that seeks to:

- Build a network of community leaders and organizations to inform and support the Council's EJ work;
- Identify EJ issues within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, the Delta Watershed, and areas that use Delta water; and
- Identify options to address those issues.

Through this process, the Council is very interested in meeting with tribes to understand how they would like to engage their community's EJ concerns related to Delta management and potential options to address those concerns.

The Council has formed an EJ Advisory Group to guide these upcoming activities. If you are interested in joining this group or meeting with us separately, please email <a href="mailto:tribal.liaison@deltacouncil.ca.gov">tribal.liaison@deltacouncil.ca.gov</a>.

## Delta Adapts: Creating a Climate Resilient Future

The Council is currently undertaking a two-phase initiative, Delta Adapts: Creating a Climate Resilient Future (<a href="https://deltacouncil.ca.gov/delta-plan/climate-change">https://deltacouncil.ca.gov/delta-plan/climate-change</a>). Delta Adapts consists of two phases: 1) a vulnerability assessment to improve understanding of regional vulnerabilities due to climate change in order to protect the vital resources the Delta provides to California and beyond, with a focus on State interests and investments, followed by 2) an adaptation strategy detailing the strategies and tools available for state, regional, and local governments to use in helping communities and ecosystems thrive in the face of climate change.

The Delta Adapts final Vulnerability Assessment was completed in 2021 and can be found here: <a href="https://deltacouncil.ca.gov/pdf/council-meeting/meeting-materials/2021-6-26-June-2021-Delta-Adapts-Vulnerability-Assessment.pdf">https://deltacouncil.ca.gov/pdf/council-meeting/meeting-materials/2021-6-26-June-2021-Delta-Adapts-Vulnerability-Assessment.pdf</a>. The Council is currently in the process of developing the Adaptation Strategy.

Tribes are encouraged to become involved in the process for the development of the Adaptation Strategy and should email <a href="mailto:tribal.liaison@deltacouncil.ca.gov">tribal.liaison@deltacouncil.ca.gov</a> if they wish to become involved or get more information.

## **Communications**

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- Facebook: Delta Stewardship Council (<a href="https://www.facebook.com/deltastewardshipcouncil/">https://www.facebook.com/deltastewardshipcouncil/</a>)
- LinkedIn: Delta Stewardship Council (https://www.linkedin.com/company/delta-stewardship-council/)

## Newsletter(s):

Delta Stewardship Council Listserv (<a href="https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/UZzT2rz">https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/UZzT2rz</a>)

Delta Science Program Delta Breeze (<a href="https://deltacouncil.ca.gov/pdf/science-program/2021-07-14-dsc-science-funding-newsletter.pdf">https://deltacouncil.ca.gov/pdf/science-program/2021-07-14-dsc-science-funding-newsletter.pdf</a>)



## **Department of Conservation**

Tribal Affairs Overview

## **Summary of Organization**

The Department of Conservation (DOC) administers a variety of programs vital to California's public safety, environment and economy. The services DOC provides are designed to balance today's needs with tomorrow's obligations by fostering the wise use and conservation of energy, land and mineral resources. The DOC protects agricultural lands, strengthens watershed stewardship, protects communities from wildfire, oversees the reclamation of mines, manages mineral resources, maps earthquakes and related hazards, and oversees the drilling and operation of oil, gas, and geothermal wells.

## **Tribal Affairs**

The DOC's tribal affairs program helps create opportunities for tribal communities to lead conservation efforts and create transparent regulatory processes that foster early and frequent consultation. The program has historically been small but dedicated executive leadership and growth in funding across DOC programs have refocused efforts to create new opportunities to better connect department services to the needs of California's tribal communities. The DOC is committed to extensive outreach and open communication to achieve this mission.

## **Grant Programs**

The DOC's The Division of Land Resource Protection (DLRP) serves as the state's leader in conserving California's irreplaceable agricultural lands. DLRP provides information, as well as technical and financial assistance, to partners in order to protect California's agricultural land and promote sustainable growth. More information on these grant opportunities can be found on our website at <a href="https://www.conservation.ca.gov/dlrp/grant-programs">https://www.conservation.ca.gov/dlrp/grant-programs</a>.

DLRP currently administers the following grant programs, many of which have tribalspecific sections or set asides:

## Agricultural Land Conservation and Sustainability

- Agricultural Land Mitigation Program (ALMP)
- California Farmland Conservancy Program (CFCP)
- Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (SALC) \*
- Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program (MLRP)

## Watershed and Wildfire Resilience Implentation and Partner Capacity

- Watershed Coordinator Program
- RCD Financial Assistance Program
- Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program
- Working Lands and Riparian Corridors Program

## Community Climate Resiliency

- Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) Program \*
- Community Resilience Centers \*
- \* Program is administered for the Strategic Growth Council

## **Additional Resources**

The Department provide various types of oversight, technical assistance, and partner support for following programs. More information can be found on our website at the following links:

- Earthquakes, Tsunamis, and other Hazards https://www.conservation.ca.gov/cgs/.
- Agricultural Land Conservation and Watershed Stewardship https://www.conservation.ca.gov/dlrp.
- Mine Reclamation https://www.conservation.ca.gov/dmr.
- Oil, Gas, Geothermal https://www.conservation.ca.gov/dmr.
- State Mining and Geology Board <a href="https://www.conservation.ca.gov/smgb">https://www.conservation.ca.gov/smgb</a>.

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- Twitter: <a href="https://twitter.com/CalConservation">https://twitter.com/CalConservation</a>
- Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/calconservation



## California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Tribal Affairs Overview

## **Summary of Organization**

The Mission of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is to manage California's diverse fish, wildlife, and plant resources, and the habitats upon which they depend, for their ecological values and for their use and enjoyment by the public. CDFW's core programs include management of department lands and facilities; biodiversity conservation; hunting, fishing, and public use; enforcement; spill prevention and response; communication, education, and outreach.

More information can be found online at <a href="https://wildlife.ca.gov/">https://wildlife.ca.gov/</a>.

## **Tribal Affairs**

CDFW recognizes that many of its proposed activities may significantly impact the interests of California Native American tribes. It is committed to consulting with tribes about fish, wildlife, and plant issues, assessing and avoiding to the extent practicable any potential impact of CDFW activities on tribal interests, and providing tribes with meaningful opportunities to participate in decision-making processes that affect tribal interests.

CDFW, out of respect for tribal sovereignty and the unique and separate governmental status of tribes, seeks and encourages collaborative relationships with tribes, including for the co-management of resources, where appropriate. CDFW has adopted a <u>Tribal</u> Communication and Consultation Policy

(https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=122905&&inline)

to help establish and foster these relationships. That policy is the foundation of CDFW's efforts to work cooperatively, communicate effectively, and consult with tribes. It establishes a formal process for engaging in government-to-government consultations. The policy implements and builds on (<a href="Executive Order B-10-11"><u>Executive Order B-10-11</u></a>) <a href="https://www.ca.gov/archive/gov39/2011/09/19/news17223/index.html">https://www.ca.gov/archive/gov39/2011/09/19/news17223/index.html</a>) and the California Natural Resources Agency Tribal Consultation Policy.

## **Grant Programs**

CDFW offers numerous <u>grant programs</u> (<u>https://wildlife.ca.gov/Grants</u>) to fund projects that sustain, restore and enhance California's fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats.

Eligibility criteria varies and tribes may not be eligible grantees for some programs. Non-profit status is the most widely applicable criteria. Below are some examples

The <u>Fisheries Restoration Grant Program (FRGP)</u> (<a href="https://wildlife.ca.gov/Grants/FRGP">https://wildlife.ca.gov/Grants/FRGP</a>) was established in 1981 in response to rapidly declining populations of wild salmon and steelhead trout and deteriorating fish habitat in California. This competitive grant program has invested millions of dollars to support projects from sediment reduction to watershed education throughout coastal California. Contributing partners include federal and local governments, tribes, water districts, fisheries organizations, watershed restoration groups, the California Conservation Corps, AmeriCorps, and private landowners.

The <u>State Wildlife Grant (SWG) Program</u> (<a href="https://wildlife.ca.gov/Grants/State-Wildlife-Grants">https://wildlife.ca.gov/Grants/State-Wildlife-Grants</a>) provides federal grant funds to states for the development and implementation of programs for the benefit of wildlife and their habitat, including species that are not hunted or fished.

The <u>Cannabis Restoration Grant Program</u> (CRGP) (<a href="https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Watersheds/Cannabis-Restoration-Grant">https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Watersheds/Cannabis-Restoration-Grant</a>) grant funds in support of partnerships to clean-up, remediate, and restore watersheds affected by cannabis cultivation, and related activities.

The <u>Watershed Restoration Grants Branch</u> (<a href="https://wildlife.ca.gov/Organization/WRGB">https://wildlife.ca.gov/Organization/WRGB</a>) delivers science informed grants for restoration of ecological function and conservation, and assesses the success of those efforts at a large-scale. The granting programs in this branch include Proposition 1, Fisheries Restoration Grant, Greenhouse Gas Reduction, and Ecosystem Restoration.

## **Additional Resources**

Government agencies and contractual partners (<a href="https://wildlife.ca.gov/Associated">https://wildlife.ca.gov/Associated</a>) with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. These links are provided as a service, not as an endorsement of the agency or organization or their views.

## View the list of tribes

(https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=122904&inline) that have requested an opportunity for consultation with CDFW under the California Environmental Quality Act. If you do not see your tribe on the list, but would like to be, please contact CDFW's Tribal Liaison <a href="mailto:ribal.liaison@wildlife.ca.gov">ribal.liaison@wildlife.ca.gov</a>.

## Careers at CDFW.

(https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=122904&inline) CDFW employees are committed to managing and protecting California's diverse wildlife, and the habitats upon which they depend, join us.

CDFW's authority and responsibility of administering the public trust for wildlife resources extends throughout California lands, inland waters, coast, and sea. For management

purposes, CDFW has divided the States 58 Counties into <u>seven geographical</u> <u>(regionshttps://wildlife.ca.gov/Regions)</u>

A free fishing license is available for any resident Native American who is financially unable to pay the fee required for a Resident Sport Fishing License, pursuant to Section 7151(a)(2) of California Fish and Game Code. (Application) (https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=40276)

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YouTube: <a href="http://www.youtube.com/CaliforniaDFG">http://www.youtube.com/CaliforniaDFG</a>

• Flickr: <a href="http://www.flickr.com/photos/CaliforniaDFG/">http://www.flickr.com/photos/CaliforniaDFG/</a>

News: <a href="https://cdfgnews.wordpress.com/">https://cdfgnews.wordpress.com/</a> Publication: <a href="https://cdfgnews.wordpress.com/">Outdoor California Magazine</a>

(https://wildlife.ca.gov/Publications/Outdoor-California)



## California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

Tribal Affairs Overview

## **Summary of Organization**

The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection serves and safeguards the people and protects the property and resources of California. CAL FIRE employees are dedicated to fire protection and stewardship of over 31 million acres of California's privatelyowned wildlands and stewardship of 30 million acres of privately- and publicly-owned foresthald. The Department is organized broadly by three operational objectives: fire protection and emergency response, fire prevention and engineering, and resource management. CAL FIRE is an "all-risk" department. The Department provides fire suppression response across the state and varied emergency services such as medical aid, hazardous material spill, swift water rescues, search and rescue missions, civil disturbance, train wrecks, flood and earthquake response in 36 of the State's 58 counties via contracts with local governments. Fire Prevention Program consists of multiple activities including wildland pre-fire engineering, vegetation management, fire planning, education and law enforcement.. Resource Management Program oversees enforcement of California's forest practice regulations, offers local assistance for resource protection and improvements, monitors and assesses forest and rangelands, and contributes to state climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies.

More information can be found online at <a href="https://www.fire.ca.gov/">https://www.fire.ca.gov/</a>.

#### **Tribal Affairs**

The purpose of the CAL FIRE Cultural Resources Management Program is to identify and manage archaeological, historical, and tribal cultural resources located within project areas under CAL FIRE jurisdiction and to develop methods to protect these resources from project-related impacts. This is accomplished through regulations, policies and procedures requiring cultural resource surveys of project areas, evaluation of potential impacts, and the incorporation of protection measures before project approval. This program provides cultural resource surveys, technical assistance, project review, and training to CAL FIRE staff and other resource professionals. The legal mandates that require CAL FIRE to protect archaeological, historical and tribal cultural resources are found in the California Environmental Quality Act, the Forest Practice Rules, California Executive Order W-26-92, and the California Register of Historic Resources. Our procedures for CAL FIRE projects can be found on our CAL FIRE Cultural Resources website to provide details of the program.

CAL FIRE has created a Native American Advisory Council (NAAC) to advise the CAL FIRE Director on Native American issues. Its mission is to assist the Department in establishing a cooperative and meaningful relationship with California tribes. The NAAC consists of nine voting members plus two non-voting agency officials who attend the meetings and provide support and policy direction. The nine appointed members are Native Americans and represent Native American interests statewide. The NAAC meets from two to four times per year and its meetings are open to the public.

More information can be found on our websites at:

Cultural Resources Management Program -

https://www.fire.ca.gov/programs/resource-management/resource-protection-improvement/environmental-protection-program/cultural-resources-management-program/

Native American Advisory Council - <a href="https://www.fire.ca.gov/programs/resource-management/resource-protection-improvement/environmental-protection-program/cultural-resources-management-program/native-american-consultation-procedures-for-cal-fire-projects/">https://www.fire.ca.gov/programs/resource-management-provement/environmental-protection-programs/resource-management-program/native-american-consultation-procedures-for-cal-fire-projects/</a>

## **Grant Programs**

Forest Health:

https://www.fire.ca.gov/grants/forest-health-grants/

Fire Prevention:

https://www.fire.ca.gov/grants/fire-prevention-grants/

California Forest Improvement Program:

https://www.fire.ca.gov/grants/california-forest-improvement-program-cfip/

California Forest Legacy Program:

https://www.fire.ca.gov/grants/forest-legacy/

## **Additional Resources**

CAL FIRE Regional Unit Forester Contact List:

https://www.fire.ca.gov/media/0jei4sa5/regional-unit-forester-contact-list.pdf

Statewide contacts: https://www.fire.ca.gov/resources/cal-fire-contacts/

Forest Stewardship Resources for Private Landowners:

https://www.fire.ca.gov/programs/resource-management/resource-protection-improvement/wildfire-resilience/forest-stewardship/

#### **Communications**

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- Flickr: https://www.flickr.com/photos/calfire/
- Pintrest: <a href="https://www.flickr.com/photos/calfire/">https://www.flickr.com/photos/calfire/</a>
- Each CAL FIRE Unit has their own social media accounts where local information can be found.



## California Department of Parks & Recreation

Tribal Affairs Overview

## **Summary of Organization**

California State Parks' mission is to provide for the health, inspiration, and education of the people of California by helping to preserve the state's extraordinary biological diversity, protecting its most valued natural and cultural resources, and creating opportunities for high-quality outdoor recreation.

State Parks manages nearly 1.6 million acres throughout the state. Considering California Native American tribes' ancestral and historical connections with the land and resources, the Department aims to strengthen its relationship with tribes. Collaboration with tribes will ensure the long-term protection and stewardship of ancestral places and tribal cultural resources held by the Department, including repatriation where appropriate.

#### **Tribal Affairs**

On behalf of the Director of the Department of Parks & Recreation, the Department's Tribal Liaison leads engagement with California Native American tribal governments, tribal entities, and individuals on the proper management of areas, places, objects or burials associated with their heritage, sacred sites and traditional cultural properties or cultural traditions in the State Park System.

The Tribal Affairs Program helps ensure the Department is conducting open, respectful, government-to-government consultations. Working with the Department's Tribal Liaison, the Program manages statewide tribal policies, the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Program, and the Tribal MOU Program, in addition to assisting with Tribal Consultations, special projects, and general tribal affairs.

The NAGPRA Program works with Native American tribes to identify and repatriate ancestral remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony subject to NAGPRA and CalNAGPRA.

The Tribal MOU Program supports the development of Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) with California Native American to systematically address cultural and natural resources of concern or interest to the tribes within Park Districts, Units, and Programs.

## **Grant Programs**

The Office of Grants and Local Services develops grant programs that address park, recreation and resources related needs. Learn more about grant programs here: <a href="https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\_id=29752">https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\_id=29752</a>

#### **Additional Resources**

The Department's Tribal Affairs Program is developing materials to initiate regional tribal consultation on multiple topics, including:

- Updates to Parks' repatriation policy, procedures, and guidelines developed in collaboration with the Tribal Justice Project at UC Davis
- Revisions to the Parks' <u>California Native American Gathering Permit</u> process. More information can be found on our website at <a href="https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\_id=30611">https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\_id=30611</a>.
- Updates to the Parks' <u>Tribal Consultation Policy (DN 2007-05)</u>. More information can be found on our website at https://www.parks.ca.gov/27306.

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## California Department of Water Resources

Office of Tribal Policy Advisor

## **Summary of Organization**

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) is responsible for managing the water resources of California in cooperation with other agencies, to benefit the state's people, and to protect, restore, and enhance the natural and human environments. DWR operates and maintains the State Water Project, which provides drinking water to 27 million Californians and irrigates 750,000 acres of farmland. In addition, DWR provides technical assistance and funding, manages flood risk for more than 7 million people living in California floodplains, restores fish and wildlife habitat, supports sustainable groundwater management, and encourages water use efficiency.

#### **Tribal Affairs**

DWR is committed to open, inclusive, and regular communication with Tribal governments and communities to recognize and understand their needs and interests. We ensure effective communication and government-to-government consultation, creating a channel for Tribal governments to provide input at all levels into the development of regulations, rules, policies, programs, projects, plans, property decisions, and activities that may impact Tribal communities. DWR's Office of the Tribal Policy Advisor is the central point of coordinated communication with California Native American tribes to ensure proactive and meaningful consultation.

DWR has developed Public Entity Agreements that allow it to contract directly with Native American Tribes when subject matter expertise, monitoring and other Tribal services are needed to support protection of cultural resources.

Through our regional offices, DWR has designated regional Tribal Liaisons who work from the four regional offices located in Red Bluff, West Sacramento, Fresno and Glendale Offices.

## **Grant Programs**

DWR Grants and Loans page <a href="https://water.ca.gov/work-with-us/grants-and-loans">https://water.ca.gov/work-with-us/grants-and-loans</a>

Integrated Regional Water Management Program: www.water.ca.gov/Programs/Integrated-Regional-Water-Management

Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program:

https://water.ca.gov/Work-With-Us/Grants-And-Loans/IRWM-Grant-Programs/Proposition-1/DAC-Involvement-Program

Small Community Drought Relief Program:

https://www.grants.ca.gov/grants/small-community-drought-relief-program/

## **Program Guidelines**

https://water.ca.gov/-/media/DWR-Website/Web-Pages/Work-With-Us/Grants-And-Loans/Small-Community-Drought-Relief/Small-Community-Drought-Relief-Guidelines\_2021-Final\_ay11\_v3.pdf

#### **Additional Resources**

## Tribal Engagement in Delta Conveyance Project

DWR is conducting Government-to-Government consultation with all Tribal governments that requested consultation with DWR pursuant to the California Public Resources Code or DWR's Tribal Engagement Policy. For confidentiality reasons, DWR is not disclosing any sensitive information shared during consultation. However, more information and an overview of various informational meetings with Tribal representatives are listed on the Delta Conveyance Project Tribal Engagement website with links to presentations and other materials: <a href="https://water.ca.gov/Programs/State-Water-Project/Delta-Conveyance/Tribal-Engagement">https://water.ca.gov/Programs/State-Water-Project/Delta-Conveyance/Tribal-Engagement</a>.

On July 27, 2022, DWR released the Delta Conveyance Project Draft Environmental Impact Report which includes a TCR chapter that identifies the Delta as a Tribal Cultural Landscape and analyzes impacts to TCRs due to construction, operation, and maintenance of the proposed project and alternatives. DWR engaged California Native American Tribes regarding TCRs and incorporated Tribal expertise regarding their histories and cultures and the importance and significance of resources from Tribes' perspectives. The Draft Environmental Impact Report and accompanying informational resources on the TCR chapter (such as a Draft Environmental Impact Report explainer document and a TCR chapter explainer video) are available on the Delta Conveyance Project website: <a href="https://www.deltaconveyanceproject.com">www.deltaconveyanceproject.com</a>.

## Tribal Engagement in Central Valley Flood Protection Plan

The <u>Central Valley Flood Protection Plan</u> covers lands within the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valley watersheds. This large geographical area includes the ancestral territories of numerous California Native American Tribes. More information can be found on our website at <a href="https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Flood-Management/Flood-Planning-and-Studies/Central-Valley-Flood-Protection-Plan">https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Flood-Management/Flood-Planning-and-Studies/Central-Valley-Flood-Protection-Plan</a>.

A record of DWR CVFPP Tribal engagement activities for each five-year update of the CVFPP can be found on our website at <a href="https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Flood-Management/Flood-Planning-and-Studies/Central-Valley-Flood-Protection-Plan-Tribal-Engagement">https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Flood-Management/Flood-Planning-and-Studies/Central-Valley-Flood-Protection-Plan-Tribal-Engagement</a>.

## Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)

DWR's Office of the Tribal Policy Advisor, in conjunction with DWR's Sustainable Groundwater Management Program (SGMP), has mantained a communication and advisory body, formed as the SGMA Tribal Advisory Group (SGMA TAG). This advisory group was established to bring DWR and California Native American Tribal governments and Tribal communities together to collaborate on outreach and engagement efforts associated with the implementation of SGMA. The SGMA Tribal Advisory Group met quarterly in 2022, to keep open engagement between DWR's SGMP and TAG members. For information on the SGMA TAG meetings, including meeting materials, please visit our website at <a href="https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Assistance-and-Engagement">https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Assistance-and-Engagement</a>, under the 'Communication and Engagement' tab, 'SGMA Tribal Advisory Group' accordion.

DWR is also conducting airborne electromagnetic (AEM) surveys in California's high-and medium-priority groundwater basins, where data collection is feasible, to assist local water managers as they implement SGMA to manage groundwater for long term sustainability. The AEM project provides state and federal agencies, groundwater sustainability agencies, stakeholders, and the public with basin-specific and cross-basin geophysical data, tools, and analyses. Because all data collected as a part of the survey will be available to the public, DWR has elected not to survey Tribal trust lands unless the Tribe within the surveyed basin indicates that data collection and publication is acceptable. DWR has engaged with Tribes who have Tribal trust lands in mediumand high-priority groundwater basins through letters to Tribal leaders and by conducting one-on-one meetings with Tribal Representatives as requested. For information on the AEM surveys and Tribal engagement, please visit our website at <a href="https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Data-and-Tools/AEM">https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Data-and-Tools/AEM</a>.

## **Grant and Technical Assistance Programs**

- DWR established the Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Disadvantaged Communities Involvement Grant Program in 2016; 12 grant agreements were then executed to deliver almost \$52 million to encourage greater engagement of underrepresented communities, conduct needs assessments, and identify/develop/implement projects benefitting these communities.
  - The program name was expanded in 2020 to include Tribal involvement (DACTI), to acknowledge the sovereign government status of Native American Tribes.
  - DWR partnered with DACTI Program grantees to host the successful 2018 and 2020 summits to share lessons learned and ensure equitable involvement of all communities in IRWM and is actively participating in the DACTI workgroup to the IRWM Roundtable of Regions.
  - DWR supports and participates in the work being done on the ground by the 12 DACTI Program grantees and attends and presents at various venues, such as the May 2021 Webinar focused on Individuals Experiencing Homelessness hosted by the Central Coast grantees.

- The DACTI Program interim progress report will be published in 2022, with goal of reporting out on needs assessments, accomplishments and high-level findings and recommendations to demonstrate return on public investment and help inform future legislation and policy.
- For the 2021 Budget Act Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Program, DWR made a minimum of \$50 Million available for Underrepresented Communities and Tribes through amendments to existing Proposition 1 IRWM DACTI program grant agreements whenever possible.
- For the 2021 Budget Act Small Community Drought Relief Program, \$10 million was set aside for Tribes and DWR is providing third party assistance to Tribes for grant application.
- DWR is conducting a special project to identify underrepresented communities in areas facing groundwater shortages, assess their needs, and provide technical assistance.
- DWR is providing a \$2 million grant to the Water Foundation and its Groundwater Leadership Forum to provide technical assistance to underrepresented communities and Tribes.

#### **CALIFORNIA WATER PLAN UPDATE 2023**

The California Water Plan (CWP), updated every five years, is the State's strategic plan for sustainably and equitably managing and developing water resources for current and future generations. Required by Water Code Section 1005(a), it presents the status and trends of California's water-dependent natural resources; water supplies; and agricultural, urban, and environmental water-dependent natural resources; water supplies; and agricultural, urban, and environmental water demands. CWP Update 2023 will promote climate resilience across regions and water sectors with a statewide vision, clear goals, watershed planning framework and toolkit, and progress-tracking dashboard of indicators.

#### **Tribal Water Summit 2023**

The 4<sup>th</sup> California Tribal Water will be held on April 11-13, 2023 in Sacramento. The Summit represets a collaborative effort to address the diverse needs and issues related to water by California Tribas and Tribal organizations. State and federal government. A such it represents an exercise in government to government engagement in water planning.

## **DWR Tribal Consultation Policy**

DWR's consultation policy can be found here: water.ca.gov/About/Tribal-Policy

#### **Communications**

DWR maintains and facilitates the following advisory committees:

- Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Tribal Advisory Group California Water Plan (CWP) Update 2023 – Tribal Advisory Committee
- Tribal Water Summit 2023 Planning Committee (meets monthly until May 2023)

• Tribal Communication Committee (Drought and Media Related activity)

DWR maintains a facilitates a Tribal List Serve Please email <u>TribalPolicyAdvisory@water.ca.gov</u> to join the list serve and to inquire about joining the advisory committees

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## Newsletter:

• DWR Water News – Please email water\_news\_editors@water.ca.gov to subscribe





Tribal Affairs Overview

## **Summary of Organization**

The Office of Exposition Park Management is responsible for public safety, parking management and overall park beautification at Exposition Park. Exposition Park is a 152-acre campus located just south of downtown Los Angeles. The office's goal is to provide a safe and clean experience for patrons of Exposition Park and its various entities. Exposition Park is home to the California African American Museum, the California Science Center, the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, and Banc of California Stadium.

## **Tribal Affairs**

The Office of Exposition Park Management is currently exploring additional ways to partner with California Native American tribes. We look forward to continued work in building our Tribal Affairs portfolio.

## **Additional Resources**

Website: http://expositionpark.ca.gov/

Exposition Park Master Plan: http://expositionpark.ca.gov/epmp/

#### Communications

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## NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION

Tribal Affairs Overview

## **Summary of Organization**

The California Native American Heritage Commission (Commission), created in statute in 1976 (Chapter 1332, Statutes of 1976), is a nine-member body whose members are appointed by the Governor. The Commission identifies, catalogs, and protects Native American cultural resources -- ancient places of special religious or social significance to Native Americans and known ancient graves and cemeteries of Native Americans on private and public lands in California. The Commission is also charged with ensuring California Native American tribes' access to Native American cultural resources on public lands, overseeing the treatment and disposition of inadvertently discovered Native American human remains and burial items, and administering the California Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, among many other powers and duties.

## **Tribal Affairs**

The Commission engages in ongoing tribal communication and consultation to inform the Commission of the several and diverse tribal viewpoints, expertise and values relative to the Commission's work. Tribal input is critical to ensure that the Commission meaningfully considers the unique circumstances of each California Native American tribe in planning, drafting, and implementing the Commission's responsibilities. The Commission's Tribal Consultation Policy is available on our website at <a href="http://nahc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Signed-NAHC-Tribal-Consultation-Policy.pdf">http://nahc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Signed-NAHC-Tribal-Consultation-Policy.pdf</a>.

## **Additional Resources**

General resources are available at <a href="http://nahc.ca.gov/resources/">http://nahc.ca.gov/resources/</a> Resources on cultural resources laws are available at <a href="http://nahc.ca.gov/codes/">http://nahc.ca.gov/codes/</a> Information on the Commission's Repatriation responsibilities is available at <a href="http://nahc.ca.gov/calnagpra/">http://nahc.ca.gov/calnagpra/</a>

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## **Ocean Protection Council**

Tribal Affairs Overview

## **Summary of Organization**

The California Ocean Protection Council (OPC) is a cabinet-level state policy body nested within the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA). OPC's mission is to protect California's coast and ocean by advancing innovative, science-based policy and management, making strategic investments, and catalyzing action through partnerships and collaboration. Specifically, OPC provides best available science to decisionmakers, develops science-based policy recommendations, and facilitates collaboration among agencies, Tribes and Tribal Governments, scientists, and stakeholder communities. Our work is guided by the Strategic Plan to Protect California's Coast and Ocean 2020-2025 (link below).

## **Tribal Affairs**

OPC recognizes the unique and important role of California Native American Tribes in coastal and ocean conservation and management. Currently, OPC engages with Tribes through several ongoing collaborative efforts, especially in relation to the management of California's marine protected area (MPA) network. OPC also engages in formal consultation with Tribes when appropriate and provides grant opportunities to Tribes.

Moving forward, OPC is consulting and collaborating with Tribes on the development of a Tribal Engagement Strategy that will provide a framework for enhanced partnership on coastal and ocean matters. OPC staff anticipates that this Strategy will be finalized by the end of 2022. OPC's work in Tribal Affairs is facilitated by a dedicated Tribal Liaison and other program staff and is undertaken in coordination with CNRA's Assistant Secretary for Tribal Affairs and the Governor's Office of the Tribal Advisor.

## **Grant Programs**

OPC generally announces opportunities for grant funding through open calls/requests for proposals. Opportunities are posted on OPC's website and other communications channels (link below).

#### **Additional Resources**

OPC website: https://www.opc.ca.gov

- OPC Strategic Plan:
  - https://www.opc.ca.gov/webmaster/ftp/pdf/agenda\_items/20200226/OPC-2020-2025-Strategic-Plan-FINAL-20200228.pdf
- Funding opportunities: <a href="https://www.opc.ca.gov/solicitations/">https://www.opc.ca.gov/solicitations/</a>
- Tribal Marine Stewards Network Pilot Project: <a href="https://opc.ca.gov/webmaster/ftp/pdf/agenda\_items/20200619/ltem6a\_TribalM">https://opc.ca.gov/webmaster/ftp/pdf/agenda\_items/20200619/ltem6a\_TribalM</a> arineStewardsNetwork\_FINAL.pdf

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#### Newsletter:

 https://listservice.cnra.ca.gov/scripts/wa.exe?SUBED1=CNRA\_OCEANS\_PUBLIC& A=1



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## Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy

Tribal Affairs Overview

## **Summary of Organization**

The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy was established in 2009 to serve as a lead agency for ecosystem restoration and support efforts that advance environmental protection and the economic well-being of Delta residents. Through both internal programs and grant-funded projects, the Conservancy works collaboratively and in coordination with local communities to protect, enhance, and restore the Delta's economy, agriculture and working landscapes, and environment for the benefit of the Delta region, its local communities and the citizens of California.

The Delta Conservancy works with local communities, fellow science experts and state and federal agencies to seek creative opportunities to address challenges and help the Delta Community thrive.

#### **Tribal Affairs**

The Conservancy encourages tribes to connect with our Tribal Liaison to discuss potential partnership or engagement opportunities. The Conservancy considers tribal perspective when assessing the local support for our grant applications. We continue to refine our process for collecting tribal input during these reviews.

## **Grant Programs**

Proposition 1: Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program <a href="http://deltaconservancy.ca.gov/prop-1/">http://deltaconservancy.ca.gov/prop-1/</a>

Proposition 68: Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program <a href="http://deltaconservancy.ca.gov/proposition-68/">http://deltaconservancy.ca.gov/proposition-68/</a>

#### **Additional Resources**

Conservancy's Website: <a href="http://deltaconservancy.ca.gov/">http://deltaconservancy.ca.gov/</a>

Delta Conservancy's Strategic Plan (to be updated in 2022): http://deltaconservancy.ca.gov/strategic-plan/

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## SAN DIEGO RIVER CONSERVNACY

Tribal Affairs Overview

## **Summary of Organization**

The San Diego River Conservancy (Conservancy) was established to preserve, restore and enhance the San Diego River Area. Our mission is accomplished by (1) acquiring, managing, and conserving land; and (2) protecting or providing recreational opportunities, open space, wildlife species and habitat, wetlands, water quality, natural flood conveyance, historical/cultural resources, and educational opportunities. In 2018, SB 1367 expanded the Conservancy's service area to include the Sweetwater River, Otay River, and Tijuana River watersheds (the US only). See, San Diego River Conservancy Act.

#### **Tribal Affairs**

The Conservancy forms partnerships to preserve and provide access to cultural, tribal and historical resources, and build on education efforts. In the Conservancy's four (4) watersheds, we have been working with the Kumeyaay Diegueño Land Conservancy (KDLC) and Barona Band of Mission Indians, since 2015. KDLC represents 12 of the 15 Kumeyaay Bands in San Diego County.

The Conservancy support museums, educational institutions, and visitor centers to encourage collaboration with Kumeyaay and other Native American tribes to better educate the public of the extensive history of over 10,000 years of human habitation in the San Diego River area.

In 2017, Senate Bill 214 was approved and increased the number of Conservancy Board Members from 11 to 15, which added one representative from the Kumeyaay Diegueño Land Conservancy to represent the interests of the earliest settlers along the river.

Also in 2017, the Kumeyaay Diegueño Land Conservancy and the San Diego River Conservancy entered into a Memorandum of Understanding to be responsible stewards in the San Diego River watershed for a productive relationship to accomplish mutual objectives, increase partnership opportunities and capacity to develop a supportive and collaborative culture for the benefit of both Conservancies. The Conservancy, through its partnership with the KDLC, has assisted Kumeyaay Bands with obtaining site records and mapping sensitive sites concerning various ongoing and planned projects.

The Conservancy partnered with the San Diego History Center to implement its Interpretive Master Plan at the Junípero Serra Museum in the City of San Diego. This project was funded by a grant from the Conservancy and State Coastal Conservancy, and we worked in close partnership with the Kumeyaay Diegueño Land Conservancy. The project focused on a new kind of evocative and immersive museum experience that respectfully reveals the layers of history in interpretive exhibits through a multimedia experience that focused on the uses of the San Diego River throughout time immemorial. This project also included the recording of 15 oral histories of Kumeyaay elders which is displayed on touch screens inside the museum. The Conservancy requested signage to include, "A special acknowledgment to the Kumeyaay people without whom this exhibition would not be possible." See short video, <a href="https://www.cgpartnersllc.com/fresh/post/keith-helmetag-historical-exhibits-2020-segd-exhibitionexperience/">https://www.cgpartnersllc.com/fresh/post/keith-helmetag-historical-exhibits-2020-segd-exhibitionexperience/</a>

In 2019, the Conservancy was a member of the Old Town San Diego State Historic Park working group for developing lipay ~ Tipai Kumeyaay Mut Niihepok Land of the First People exhibit area. This Working Group was instrumental in providing an opportunity for the Kumeyaay Nation to shape State Park's interpretation of Kumeyaay culture and the connectedness of this site to the San Diego River and Old Town San Diego. The Old Town Working Group consisted of representatives of the Kumeyaay Nation, including leaders from:

Kumeyaay Diegueño Land Conservancy (KDLC)

Kumeyaay Community College (KCC)

Kumeyaay Heritage Preservation Council (KHPC)

Kumeyaay Cultural Repatriation Committee (KCRC)

## **Grant Programs**

- Wildfire Early Action Plan, Senate Bill 85: <a href="http://sdrc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/NOFA-WEAP-draft-final.pdf">http://sdrc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/NOFA-WEAP-draft-final.pdf</a>
- Proposition 1, The Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014: http://sdrc.ca.gov/prop-1/
- Proposition 68, The California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018: <a href="http://sdrc.ca.gov/prop68/">http://sdrc.ca.gov/prop68/</a>
- Greening San Diego: <a href="http://sdrc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/SDRC-Greening-SD-Program-guidelines-20200903.pdf">http://sdrc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/SDRC-Greening-SD-Program-guidelines-20200903.pdf</a>

#### **Additional Resources**

- San Diego River Conservancy Website <a href="http://sdrc.ca.gov/">http://sdrc.ca.gov/</a>
- San Diego River Conservancy Act, Public Resources Code Sections 32630 32659.9 <a href="http://sdrc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/SDRC-Act-April-2020.pdf">http://sdrc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/SDRC-Act-April-2020.pdf</a>.
- The Conservancy operates the San Diego River watershed-wide Invasive Nonnative Plant Control Program.

San Diego River Watersheds Consortium Program:
 <a href="https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill\_id=201720180SB13">https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill\_id=201720180SB13</a>
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## San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission

Tribal Affairs Overview

## **Summary of Organization**

The San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) protects and enhances San Francisco Bay and encourages the Bay's responsible and productive use for this and future generations. Before 1965, an average of about 2,300 acres of the bay were being filled each year. Now only a few acres are filled annually-all for critical water-oriented needs. The Commission requires that public access be provided along the shoreline as part of new waterfront projects, which has resulted in over 340 miles of public access amenities on the Bay shoreline.

#### **Tribal Affairs**

Drawing on expertise of environmental justice and community-based organizations, BCDC staff has developed guiding principles in the process of the Environmental Justice and Social Equity Bay Plan amendment. The first of these is to recognize and acknowledge the California Native American communities who first inhabited the Bay Area and their cultural connection to the natural resources of the region. The rest of the principles are listed here - <a href="https://bcdc.ca.gov/ejwg/BPAGuidingPrinciples.pdf">https://bcdc.ca.gov/ejwg/BPAGuidingPrinciples.pdf</a>

#### **Additional Resources**

List websites and/or project information you believe Tribal communities should be aware of from your organization.

https://www.bcdc.ca.gov/ejwg/BPAEJSE.html

#### **Communications**

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# San Gabriel & Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Tribal Affairs Overview

## **Summary of Organization**

The San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) was created in 1999. RMC is one of ten conservancies within the California Resources Agency. Our mission is to preserve open space and habitat in order to provide for low-impact recreation and educational uses, wildlife habitat restoration and protection, and watershed improvements within our jurisdiction. Our territory covers eastern Los Angeles County and western Orange County. Please visit us at <a href="https://www.rmc.ca.gov">www.rmc.ca.gov</a>.

## **Tribal Affairs**

RMC has approved (RMC Resolution 2017-14) a Tribal Consultation Policy consistent with the approved policy adopted by the California Natural Resources Agency to ensure effective tribal engagement and improve communication between tribes and the RMC.

## **Grant Programs**

RMC has issued tens of millions of dollars in grants to eligible applicants including non-profits organizations, public agencies, and tribes for projects that preserve open space and habitat, increase public access to it, and help create healthy and climate resilient communities.

RMC Ongoing Funding Opportunities:

- Proposition 1 and Proposition 68: Lower Los Angeles River
- Proposition 1 & Proposition 68 Small Grants Program: Regionwide & Lower Los Angeles River
- Wildfire Prevention Grant Program
- Climate Resilience Grant Program
- Lower Los Angeles Urban Streams and Rivers Program

More information can be found here: www.rmc.ca.gov/grants/

## **Additional Resources**

The RMC has several active projects that have ongoing tribal engagement opportunities.

 Southeast Los Angeles (SELA) Cultural Center -<a href="https://www.selaculturalcenter.org/">https://www.selaculturalcenter.org/</a>

- Lower Los Angeles River Ranger Pilot Program
- San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative (SGMCC) -<a href="https://www.nationalforests.org/regional-programs/california-program/sangabrielmountains">https://www.nationalforests.org/regional-programs/california-program/sangabrielmountains</a>
- Compton Creek Alondra Gateway Park

The Rivers and Mountains Conservancy is a member of two joint powers authorities (JPA) with active projects:

- Watershed Conservation Authority <a href="https://www.wca.ca.gov/">https://www.wca.ca.gov/</a>
- Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority: https://intoloscerritoswetlands.org/

## **Communications**

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Newsletter: Sign up for our monthly newsletter for project updates and funding opportunities on our homepage at <a href="https://www.rmc.ca.gov">www.rmc.ca.gov</a>.









## San Joaquin River Conservancy

Tribal Affairs Overview

## **Summary of Organization**

The San Joaquin River Conservancy is a regionally governed agency created to develop and manage the San Joaquin River Parkway, a planned 22-mile natural and recreational area in the floodplain extending from Friant Dam to Highway 99. The Conservancy's mission includes acquiring approximately 5,900 acres from willing sellers; developing, operating, and managing those lands for public access and recreation; and protecting, enhancing, and restoring riparian and floodplain habitat.

More information on the San Joaquin River Conservancy can be found on the Conservancy's website at <a href="http://sirc.ca.gov/">http://sirc.ca.gov/</a>.

#### **Tribal Affairs**

The Conservancy has initiated in the last few years an aggressive Tribal outreach effort that includes meetings and field trips with local Tribal organizations. We realize the importance of the San Joaquin River to our local Tribes, and to all the indigenous people in the region. Our priority is to reconnect regional Tribes and other Tribal organizations with the River. We have also embarked on a stakeholder outreach and planning process to explore a Indigenous Cultural and Environmental Resource Center to be placed at our Circle V – Vinnard properties. (See <a href="https://aicls.org/">https://aicls.org/</a> or <a href="https://www.usgbccc.org/CircleV">https://www.usgbccc.org/CircleV</a>)

#### **Grant Programs**

The Conservancy has several grant sources, only one of which is through a competitive process. Most of our projects are developed in an collaborative process between the Conservative, the potential applicant, and the Wildlife Conservation Board, which is the manager of our grant funds. We are in the process of revamping our web page (<a href="http://sirc.ca.gov/grants-and-funding/">http://sirc.ca.gov/grants-and-funding/</a>) so that we will have a concept template to get a process initiated. If a Tribe or Tribal organization is interested in working with the Conservancy, please contact us, there are lots of possibilities.

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## **Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy**

Tribal Affairs Overview

## **Summary of Organization**

The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy was established by the California State Legislature in 1980. Since that time, it has helped to preserve and open to the public over 75,000 acres of parkland in both urban and wilderness settings. Through direct action, alliances, partnerships, and joint powers authorities, the Conservancy's mission is to strategically buy back, preserve, protect, restore, and enhance treasured pieces of Southern California to form an interlinking system of urban, rural and river parks, open space, trails, and wildlife habitats that are easily accessible to the general public.

More information on the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy can be found on the Conservancy's website at <a href="https://smmc.ca.gov/">https://smmc.ca.gov/</a>.

#### **Tribal Affairs**

The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy is committed to consulting and partnering with California Native American tribes with ancestral ties to Conservancy lands. Through the Early Fire Resiliency and Prop 68 grants, California Native American tribes and tribal organizations have received funding for tribal monitoring and improvements for cultural centers.

The Conservancy continues to pursue government to government consultations with California Native American tribes pursuant to the Conservancy' Regional Forest and Fire Capacity plan efforts.

## **Grant Programs**

Information on the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy grant opportunities can be found on our website at <a href="https://smmc.ca.gov/grant-information/">https://smmc.ca.gov/grant-information/</a>.

#### **Communications**

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## Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Tribal Affairs Overview

## **Summary of Organization**

The <u>Sierra Nevada Conservancy</u> (SNC) is a state agency that leads California's efforts to restore and enhance the extraordinary natural resources and communities of the Sierra Nevada while protecting them from wildfire and a changing climate. The SNC initiates, encourages, and supports efforts that improve the environmental, economic, and social well-being of the <u>Sierra Nevada Region</u> (sierranevada.ca.gov/about-us/our-region/), its communities, and the people of California.

More information can be found on our website at https://sierranevada.ca.gov/.

## **Tribal Affairs**

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy's (SNC) mission is to initiate, encourage, and support efforts that improve the environmental, economic, and social well-being of the Sierra Nevada Region, its communities, and the people of California. The SNC recognizes that many of the programs, policies, and projects we initiate or participate in may impact the interests and ancestral homelands of California Native American Tribes. We are steadfast in our commitment to have meaningful tribal participation in decision-making processes that affect tribal interests.

The <u>SNC's Tribal Consultation Policy</u> (sierranevada.ca.gov/tribal-relations/) can be found on its website.

## **Grant Programs**

Through the Sierra Nevada Watershed Improvement Program, <u>SNC awards grants</u> (sierranevada.ca.gov/funding/snc-grants/) to projects that restore, protect, and enhance Sierra Nevada watersheds and communities. Grants are provided under four primary areas as funding becomes available: Forest & Watershed Health, Resilient Sierra Nevada Communities, Strategic Land Conservation, and Vibrant Recreation & Tourism. The SNC issues grants to eligible entities, as required in statute, typically: public agencies, non-governmental organizations, nonprofits and eligible tribes and tribal entities. Please <u>contact an SNC Area Representative</u> (sierranevada.ca.gov/about-us/contact-us/#fundingContact) for more information about these grant programs, how to apply, or to discuss a potential project.

## **Additional Resources**

The SNC offers other funding resources (sierranevada.ca.gov/funding/#otherFunding) free-of-charge to tribes and tribal entities in the Sierra Nevada. These include free grant writing workshops, which are now available as an online webinar, and one-on-one consultations about specific funding opportunities and general fund development strategies. The SNC also writes a regularly updated Funding Opportunities Newsletter and topical funding research memos, including a Forest and Watershed Health Funding Research Memo and a Parks, Recreation and Tourism Funding Research Memo, which compile federal, state, and foundation grants available by project type. Additionally, the SNC is a block grantee of the Department of Conservation's Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program (RFFCP) (sierranevada.ca.gov/what-we-do/regionalforest-and-fire-capacity-program-rffcp-in-the-sierra-nevada/). Through the RFFCP, the SNC is expanding its capacity building work in the Sierra Nevada Region, with the goal of promoting robust, collaborative forest health partnerships. RFFCP resources are increasing the Region's ability to prioritize forest health and fire protection activities, plan projects, obtain funding, provide workforce training, and develop partnerships to implement projects. Please contact SNC's Tribal Liaison or Tribal Engagement and Grants Analyst (listed below) if you have questions or project ideas related to the RFFCP.

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- YouTube (@SNConservancy)



Tribal Affairs Overview

## **Summary of Organization**

The Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) protects, restores, and enhances California's spectacular natural resources for wildlife and for the public's use and enjoyment in partnership with conservation groups, government agencies, and the people of California. WCB's three main functions are land acquisition, habitat restoration, and development of wildlife oriented public access facilities, which are carried out through its programs across the state.

More information about the Wildlife Conservation Board can be found on the WCB website.

## **Tribal Affairs**

WCB is committed to open communication with Tribes under the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's (CDFW) Tribal Communication and Consultation Policy, which is available through <u>CDFW's Tribal Affairs webpage</u>. WCB awards land acquisition, habitat restoration, and public access projects on a quarterly basis. WCB notifies tribes on projects to be considered ahead of each quarterly Board meeting and encourages all applicants to confer with Tribes as early in the project development process as possible.

## **Grant Programs**

WCB implements 15 programs state-wide that could benefit tribes. More information on these programs can be found on the Programs tab on the WCB website. Tribes can receive funding as a recipient, partner, or subcontractor or through a tribal non-profit organization. The first step is to <u>submit a pre-application</u> through the WCB website. We recommend contacting staff directly to discuss which program or funding source best fits the projects in mind.

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